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CRA AGENDA:

July 13, 2004

TO:

**Agency Board Members** 

VIA:

Dennis R. Halloway, Executive Director

FROM:

Pamela Byrnes-O'Camb, Secretary

SUBJECT:

Authorize staff to proceed with process of forming a Project Area Committee (PAC) and to proceed with process to amend the

Redevelopment Plan to allow exercise of eminent domain as to

residential uses [Special Counsel]

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Agency Board authorize Staff to proceed with the process of forming a Project Area Committee and the process to amend the Redevelopment Plan to allow exercise of eminent domain as to residential uses.

## **BACKGROUND**

While the Agency has rarely brought any actions under eminent domain, Staff is nevertheless convinced that the availability of eminent domain is an important tool in furthering the implementation of the Redevelopment Plan. The modification of eminent domain authority to include residential uses would particularly benefit the Agency's efforts to produce modern, high quality, affordable housing. The existence of such authority would not obligate the agency to commence any actions in eminent domain; for any such action to be commenced, specific action by the Agency Governing Board, with a two-thirds vote (4 of 5 members) would be required for initiation of any such actions. Staff seeks direction to proceed to process such an amendment.